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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

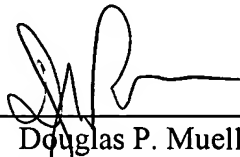
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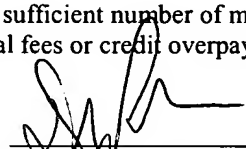
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5 588 405	31 Dec. 1996	SAWA et al.			
	6 024 193	15 Feb. 2000	FUKUSHIMA			
	5 626 111	6 May 1997	KAWAKUBO et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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